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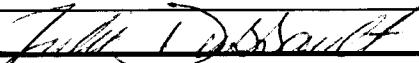
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Doczy, et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/748,345

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**For:** METHODS FOR FABRICATING  
METAL GATE STRUCTURES

**Examiner:** Luan Thai

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the June 19, 2007 Final Office Action, please consider the following  
amendments and remarks:

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